# SOUTHWIRE CARROLLTON BUILDING WIRE PLANT CARROLLTON, GEORGIA

Southwire Carrollton Building Wire Plant of Carrollton, Georgia, produces copper and aluminum building wire and cable for residential and industrial electrical applications. The Carrollton facility received awards from the Georgia Pollution Prevention Partners Program, and received the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and the Southwire's CEO's Consistent Achiever Award for Pollution Prevention. Southwire committed to reducing process water use, hazardous solid waste, and total solid waste by 2003.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

## Past Accomplishments

AT A GLANCE

Industry Sector: Metal Industries

Business: Produces copper and

aluminum building wire

and cable

Facility Employees: 100-499

Accomplishments: Reduced solid waste

Increased materials reuse

2003 Commitments: Reduce water use

Reduce hazardous solid

waste

Recycle/reuse materials Reduce total solid waste Three Southwire Drive

Carrollton, Georgia 30117

The Southwire Carrollton facility has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance in the areas of reduced solid waste and increased materials reuse. Since 1997, the facility has:

Address:

- **Reduced waste** insulation generated during wire production by 38% through the installation of bleed ports on wire insulation extrusion lines.
- **Increased reuse of carbon black materials** used in plastics manufacturing. This reduced waste generation, purchases of raw materials, and production costs by 48% in that production process.

#### Future Commitments

The Carrollton facility also committed to continued environmental improvement by reducing water use, hazardous solid waste, and total solid waste. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Reduce process water use** by 50% through implementing more efficient processes and technologies.
- **Reduce hazardous solid waste** by 75% through implementing more efficient processes and technologies.
- Reduce the amount of waste nylon by 65% through recycling and reusing materials.
- **Reduce total solid waste** by 80% through developing Environmental Corrective Action Teams, which will evaluate individual processes and waste streams.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Carrollton facility responds to community concerns through the procedures in its environmental management system. It channels most public concerns through the corporate offices and informs community members about important matters through newspapers, radio, community meetings, and Southwire's Web site.